

REMARKS

Prior to entering the amendments, Claims 1-46 are pending.

The Amendments

The Amendments of the specification and claims are all of the formal nature: for clarity, proper antecedent basis or correction of typographical errors.

New Claims 47-49 are supported by Section III (pages 13 and 14) of the specification.

No new matter has been introduced in any of the above amendments. The Examiner is request to enter the amendments.

The Response

35 USC §102(e) Rejection

Claims 1-29 and 34 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Liang et al (USPN 6,788,452). The rejection is traversed.

USPN 6,788,452 was filed December 4, 2002, which was after the priority date (October 31, 2002) of the present application.

The '452 Patent is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Ser. No. 10/284,586 filed on October 30, 2002; which is a continuation of U.S. Pat. No. 6,545,797, filed June 11, 2001. However, neither the '586 application nor the '797 Patent discloses an electrophoretic display which comprises more than one layer of display cells filled with electrophoretic fluids.

Therefore, the 35 USC §102(e) rejection of Claims 1-29 and 34 should be withdrawn because the cited reference does not disclose the subject matter of the instant claims prior to the priority date of the instant application.

Claim Objection

Claims 30-33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As discussed above, Claims 1-29 should be allowable, thus the objection to Claims 30-33 should be withdrawn.

Allowed Claims

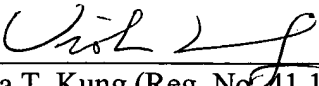
Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 35-46 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is now in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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